

The British appeals directed to him regarding the Washington conference demonstrates how interested the Empire is and how greatly it wishes for the success of the conference. The apparent perfect accord between the British and American delegates has been a source of great satisfaction here, and judging from the sentiment expressed on this side, the conference has brought the two nations closer together than was thought possible.

**Spirited Representations.**

This reservation on the part of Japan was the occasion for spirited representations on the part of the American State Department with a view of keeping the record straight. However, Japan scored her point in the final organization of the consortium, for in a letter dated May 20, 1920, Thomas W. Lamont, addressing the Japanese group of bankers through N. Kajiura at Tokio, says:

arisen during our discussions as to the status of specific railway enterprises contemplated or actually begun in Manchuria and Mongolia, we hereby confirm that we have agreed with you as follows:

- "1. That the South Manchurian Railway and its present branches, together with the mines which are situated along its way, do not come within the scope of the consortium.
- "2. That the projected Taonanfu-Jelung railway and the Kirin-Huning railway, the point on the Taonanfu-Jelung railway with a seaport are to be included within the terms of the consortium agreement.

"3. That the Kirin-Huning, the Chongchiatun-Taonanfu, the Changchun-Taonanfu, the Kaityuan-Kirin (via Hsiao Jung), the Kaityuan-Jelung, the Kirin-Mukden and the Seupung-Kichiatun railways are outside the scope of the joint activities of the consortium.

The geographical position of France, however, makes a demand for a fairly large fleet. Whether it is actually the intention of the French to build such a fleet is a matter of question. France has two very distinct coast lines, one in the Atlantic and the other in the Mediterranean. Italy, on the other hand, is entirely in the Mediterranean, and her fleet is not necessarily divided by her coast. Gibraltar is the key to French naval strength, and England holds that key.

is entirely possible that England will not be satisfied with her present allotment and that she will demand England's temperance be

conference terminated. He said he was proud of the high esteem in which he found Italians were held in this country.

Mayor Frederick W. Donnelly welcomed the delegates in behalf of the city and extended greetings to the Italian

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